SECRET

DATE   0130Z 10 OCT 62

EO 12958 3.3(b)(1)>25Yrs

PRIORITY

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM :

ACTION: OSA (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10)

INFO : S/C (11)

TOR: 0153Z 10 OCT 62

IN 51420

TO   PRITY   INFO   CITE   6396

OXCART

NO NITE ACTION

FLIGHT NUMBER ONE MADE 9 OCTOBER ON ACFT NUMBER 3.
TAKEOFF AT 1440 HOURS [   ] FOR ONE PLUS ZERO THREE HOURS.
1:03
AB TAKEOFF AT 77000 POUNDS GROSS WEIGHT WITH CG AT 20.5 PERCENT
AFT AND AB CLIMB TO 20,000 FEET. PARKS PILOT. SHAKEDOWN WORK
ON ALL SYSTEMS. CLIMBED AT MACH .90 TO 45,000 FEET AND
ACCELERATED TO MACH 1.2. THIS MAXIMUM SPEED ATTAINED.
CHECKED AB IN AND OUT A COUPLE OF TIMES FOR RELIGHTING:
OK. DESCENDED TO 40,000 FEET SUBSONIC AND CHECKED TRIPLE
DISPLAY INDICATOR (ALTIMETER, EAS AND MACH). CONTINUED FURTHER
FUNCTIONAL CHECKS ON FUEL SYSTEM, ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, LANDING
GEAR, RADIO COMMUNICATION, NAVIGATION ADF AND FUEL DUMPING.
ALL OK EXCEPT ADF INOPERATIVE DUE SAME ANTENNA PROBLEM AS NUMBER 1.
EMERGENCY GEAR EXTENSION MAIN LOCKED OK BUT NOT NOSE GEAR,
BELIEVE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT SPEED, WILL RECHECK NEXT FLIGHT.
BLACK COATING ON SOME OF AR PANELS ON RIGHT SIDE PEELED OFF
EXPOSING GREYISH MATERIAL.

GROUP 1
EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
DOWNGRADING AND
DECLASSIFICATION

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OBSERVED. FAIRING

PANEL ON BOTTOM LEFT SIDE OPENED ON AFT END ABOUT ONE INCH.

APPARENTLY A LATCH FAILED.   GOOD FLIGHT.   NO FLIGHTS SCHEDULED

TOMORROW.   TENTATIVE FLIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR 11 AND 12 OCTOBER

INVOLVING BOTH ACFT.   FIRMER INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE

FOLLOWING [   ] ACTIVITY SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW.

END OF MESSAGE